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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2026, 7.20PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALGARKIRK

Present: Councillors: G Reid (Chair) M Spiller, J Cantwell and L Shepherd.
Also Present: Mrs M Warr (Clerk)and LCC P Lock and B Daish

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
No public in attendance

73/26 APOLOGIES
Apologies were received following the meeting from Cllrs Glenn

74/26 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST
None

75/26 MINUTES
The minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2026, were presented.
It was noted that the flagpole and 3 flags had been received and stored in the Village Hall.
**RESOLVED:**
**That, the minutes of the meeting, held on 8th September2026, are approved as a true record.**

76/26 PLANNING
No new plans or updates had been received.

77/26 POLICE REPORT
It was noted that 4 crimes were reported in July – 1 violence and sexual offence in Workhouse Lane, I vehicle crime in Pitcher Row Lane and 2 in Walnut Lake Park, 1 violent and sexual offence and 1 other theft.
2 crimes reported in August – 1 vehicle crime in Eleys Lane and 1 public order offence in Pitcher Row Lane

78/26 CLERKS REPORT
All items were on the agenda.

79/26 JOINT VILLAGES EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
It was noted that the Emergency Plan has been approved and a table top exercise has taken place. LCC may make an award for bringing the 5 villages together to complete the

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Plan. It was noted that Sutterton vets have agreed to act as an emergency shelter for animals if required.
A meeting will take place in January to agree items to purchase for the emergency centres and this will complete the grant funding requirements.

80/26 REPORT ON OTHER PARISH MATTERS

**a)** Village Hall – it was noted that a grant application had been submitted to LCC for 50 chairs 4 tables and 3 washbasins. A new door had been fitted and will be painted by the pay back team.
A request was made to purchase 200 litres of kerosene at a cost of £270.90 (£12.90 VAT). The Village Hall is used as a base for the payback team when they mow the grass and carry out community work. The heating costs have increased so a top up is requested. After discussion this was agreed and it was agreed to discuss again at the January meeting to see if a further top up is required. There are funds in the budget for the payback team.
**RESOLVED, that, 200 litres of kerosene is purchased for the Village Hall at a cost of £270.90.**

**b)** Church – One of the stain glass windows had been identified as in need of repair and access to the Church is currently prohibited. It is hoped that the repair will take place during November.

81/26 PLAY AREA AND PHONE BOX

Following the vandalism to the phone box, it was agreed to consider purchasing solar CCTV cameras to cover the phone box area and the Village Hall. The Chairman will investigate different types of solar cameras and bring to the next meeting. A CCTV policy will be adopted prior to installation.

**Play Area Report and Grant:**
The findings of the ROSPA play area report were discussed and it was agreed that several of the items outlined will be addressed by the refurbishment program. In addition, it was agreed to order two new junior swing seats and chains.
It was noted that a grant of £8,253 has been awarded from BBC Pride in Place Impact Fund, for upgrades to the play area.
**RESOLVED: that, two swing seats and chains, two cradle seats, two Trim Trail items and the safer surfacing for the swing bays will be ordered from Online Playgrounds.**

82/26 FINANCE:

The bank reconciliation to the end of October was received and noted. The account balance stands at £29,552.31
The invoices below were accepted and agreed.
**RESOLVED: that the following invoices are paid:**
**M Warr – salary for September and October - £383.84 (paid by Standing Order)**
**HMRC - PAYE Qtr 2- £135.00**
**RoSPA – Play area Inspection - £109.20 (£18.20 VAT)**

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**BBC – 3 Replacement Street Lights - £1260 (£210 VAT)**
**Piggots – Flagpole and 3 flags - £619.97 (£103.33)**
**T A Blackamore – grass cutting - £806.40 (£134.40 VAT)**

A draft budget had been circulated and items were considered for inclusion. It was agreed that the community skip had been a great success and Cllr Cantwell offered to ask if it would be possible for the PC to subsidise another skip. Other ideas were to circulate a welcome pack for new residents and hold a family picnic when the play area refurbishment is complete. The budget will discussed and finalised at the January meeting.

83/26 CHRISTMAS EVENT

As the Church may be out of action due to the repairs to the stain glass window, it was agreed that the Village Hall could be used as the venue for the carol concert on 6th December. After discussion it was agreed to scale back the Christmas tea as there would not be the time or space hold a larger event. It was agreed to limit the tea to mince pies, sausage rolls and tea or coffee. Lucky bags will be bought for the children, with a budget of £20.

84/26 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cllr Lock updated on a number of LCC items including the judicial review of the Meridian Solar Farm project due to take place on 11th November. It was also estimated that the abandoned local government review had cost £20 million.
Cllr Cantwell said he had run out of 'No Cold Calling' sticker but will be issuing more soon. His last surgery for 2026 will be on 21st November at Fosdyke Village Hall. A street cleaning program has been circulated and he will monitor the effectiveness. The street light repairs are ongoing and Cllr Cantwell is exploring the possibility of transferring the street light assets to PCs, which may result in savings and a more efficient service.

85/26 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Budget. CCTV cameras and policy.

86/26 NEXT MEETINGS

The date for the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 12th January 2027, 7.20pm at the Village Hall.
The meeting dates for 2027 were confirmed as: February – no meeting, Tuesday 9th March, April - no meeting, Tuesday 11th May – Annual Parish and Annual Meeting, June – no meeting, Tuesday 13th July, August – no meeting, Tuesday 14th September, October – no meeting, Tuesday 9th November, December – no meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed ---------- Date. ----------

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